

8th Century AD. \approx 750 AD

Maya

Caracol reached a peak of
179,000 people.

End of 9th Century: Increasingly
destructive warfare drove much
of CARACOL'S battle-diminished
population. Residents then hurriedly
abandoned the site

Tikal: Estimated 425,000
citizens placed a tremendous
drain on farming & food supplies
COPÁN - Peak population = 27,000
suffered a gradual collapse
over several hundred years.